

FOREMUS ON THE WATER QUESTION

Says City's Money Is Limited.

Must Buy What We Can or Go Without the Water.

When Utah Lake Fails, All Other Neighboring Sources Will Have Failed Also.

A. F. Foremus, the State engineer, yesterday made the following statement to The Tribune concerning the question of water supply:

"Well, I consider the question one of almost importance but in this I am not sure, as I believe that all citizens agree and agree that the present water supply must be increased. The only difference of opinion that I have heard expressed is with respect to the plan of increasing the needed auxiliary supply, and that is the very important part of the question, a part which affords ground for honest difference of opinion."

"WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE PLAN PROPOSED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL?"

"I have not had opportunity to analyze the plan in all its details, but in its general features and to the extent that I have examined it, I regard it as the most feasible that is possible under the circumstances."

"YOUR ANSWER IMPLIES THAT UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES SOME OTHER PLAN MIGHT BE BETTER. WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ARE CONTROLLING IN THE PRESENT CASE?"

"Money is limited. The amount of money which is proposed to be expended to increase the city's water supply does not exceed the sum of \$50,000, so that the question of plan is, necessarily, governed by that of what can best be done with this amount of money. Another controlling circumstance is that there is no unappropriated water from any of the nearby streams, so that the rights of others enter into and complicate the question. Limited revenue and the principle of economy are also factors, and the principal controlling circumstances and cannot be ignored when considering the question."

"WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED?"

"They are substantially those which relate to the quantity, quality and permanency of the supply, its availability and situation with respect to the greatest possible economy of distribution and its sufficiency with respect to the comfort and convenience of the people, promoting commercial development and affording effective fire protection."

"HOW DOES THE PLAN PROPOSED ANSWER THESE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS?"

"Quality, in my opinion, comes first, inasmuch as the health of the citizen is of first importance, and as the plan proposes the acquisition of Mill creek, Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood, all well-known mountain purities of water, which is generally admitted, besides being proven by sufficient scientific analysis, there can be no doubt as to the merit of the plan in this particular. And with respect to quantity, the repeated measurements made and recorded of these streams make it certain that the present supply of water can be relied upon in seasons of greatest known scarcity, and that this, when added to the present supply, will make the quantity five times what it now is. Then the situation of these mountain streams is such that the waters can be brought to gravity, not only for utility, but through the present system, but at a high elevation as to command all those parts of the city that extend practically to the elevation of Fort Douglas. So, it seems that the sufficiency of the head of the corresponding pressures are beyond question. This also dispenses with all need for mechanical contrivances and reduces the minimum cost for distribution. It also contemplates the utilization of the present Parley's canyon conduit to its full capacity, which is in line with the future of the city, and that these fundamental requirements have all been provided for in the committee's proposed plan."

"BUT YOU SAY THE WATER FROM THESE SOURCES IS ALL IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP AND THAT HAS BEEN SAID BY OTHERS THAT ITS PROPOSED ACQUISITION FOR THE PROPOSED PURPOSE CANNOT BE EXPECTED ON TERMS THAT WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO THE CITY."

"Absolute Purchase Impossible. It may seem that any arrangement of that absolute ownership of the water by the city would be undesirable and unpractical. I think the matter is one which may be profitably discussed from more than a single standpoint. It seems to me that, under the circumstances, we must consider the matter of practicability as well as desirability, and if this is done it becomes at once apparent that, under the circumstances, the purchase of the water outright is entirely out of the question, and for several reasons, the principal of which is that the present owners of the water are not willing to sell it; but if they were, the \$50,000 which the city can command for this purpose is less than would pay, at reasonable price, for any considerable quantity of water. But if the water could be purchased with the money available, there would be none left to construct a conduit for conveying it into the city. Ownership of the water, when the matter is viewed in this way, is not a relief, and would only be regarded by the taxpayers as an unnecessary burden to own a conduit without a corresponding supply of water. What the municipality wants is to own both a water supply and a conduit to carry it, but, like the individual, it cannot do both."

HAIR TELLS CHARACTER.

Color of Hair Said to Indicate a Person's Temperament.

Many people believe that blonde, or fair hair denotes affection and dark hair denotes a person far from it. The disposition of the average bald-headed man is to show such solicitude for the hair of others that he neglects his own. A recent supply of hair, procured from Paris, France, is marketed with Dandruff germs, causing it to become totally bald in five weeks' time. To rid the scalp of these dangerous germs it is necessary to apply Newb's Herpicide.

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KUROPATKIN RIDES IN AUTO

For Use Along His Big Battle Line.

Chinese Regard Swift Machine With Superstitious Awe.

Believe It to Be Atrociously Powerful Specimen of the "Foreign Devils."

CHEFOO, Nov. 28.—Gen. Kuropatkin is the possessor of a new twenty-horse power automobile, with which he is able to rush at high speed from one part to another of the line, twenty-five miles long, according to M. Ravoit, who reached here today from Mukden.

M. Ravoit spent three weeks with Kuropatkin, who wished to secure twenty automobiles, specially constructed to carry ammunition speedily in emergencies. He will use them only in winter, when the Manchurian roads are in excellent condition.

On his first trip in the new automobile Kuropatkin's only comment was: "I have the advantage of Gen. Shaffer."

The Chinese now regard Kuropatkin and his machine with superstitious awe, believing the latter to be an atrociously powerful specimen of the "foreign devils."

Armies Live in Caves.

M. Ravoit said: "The two armies lie facing each other, each having three fortified lines. The soldiers of both armies live mostly in caves behind their trenches, which, when covered with snow, have the appearance of great host of polar bears waiting to spring at each other. The caves are warm even without fire."

"The Russian troops are in the best of spirits, and have unlimited confidence in their leaders. They expect Kuropatkin to attack during the winter. The Russian forces now number 300,000 men. The cavalrymen from the Don district are superior to their Siberian comrades. The foot soldiers are brave and active, and have fine powerful horses."

"There are only a few hundred wounded at Mukden and 20,000 wounded at Harbin."

"I came out on the Siberian railroad, which seemed to be doing its tremendous work smoothly. The warehouses along the railroad between Mukden and Harbin are full of supplies which are almost untouched, as up to the present the army has subsisted chiefly on the country."

Russian Artillery Fire.

"The handling of the Russian artillery is improving, while the Japanese artillery fire seems less effective. Originally the Russians did not conceal their artillery, which the Japanese quickly disabled. Now the Russians handle and conceal their guns with perfect silence."

"The belief is general at Mukden that Port Arthur will hold out until relieved, no matter how long the much-expected Russian Second Pacific squadron may take in reaching the far East."

"Gen. Kuropatkin is not talkative. His only reference to the war was: 'The war is progressing as I wish.'"

"He still lives in his railroad car, and the light in his office is burning night and day. It is commonly stated that the General never sleeps. His officers are not surprised at being called to a conference at any hour of the night. The General's only relaxation is at dinner time, when the officers who are his guests number scores. Wine is plentiful, but Kuropatkin drinks mineral water. Every Russian officer seems to have an unlimited supply of money, the Government being lavish in its expenditures."

"It is my opinion that Kuropatkin will never retreat from Mukden unless defeated decisively, and I think the next battle will be a Russian victory."

FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES.

Japs Keep Up Desperate Assault for Three Days.

WITH THE RUSSIAN FORCES AT SHENKING, Nov. 28.—The attack by the Japanese upon Gen. Rennenkampf's position on November 27 resulted in their defeat at Tsinkehtchen, near Dushan.

Though the Japanese have been repulsed, the fighting still continues. The Japanese have succeeded in placing several big guns in position, with which they will be able to seriously harass the Russians.

The latest estimate of the disposition of the Japanese forces is as follows: One brigade of infantry and two regiments of cavalry, with a second line of one brigade, between Bandouza and the Hun river; two divisions of infantry between Bandouza and Lianzhou; one division between Lianzhou and Chinsandza; one division between Chinsandza and Kowangau; one brigade between Kowangau and Sunnuga; with a second line consisting of one brigade and two divisions, one division at Beppuzza; one brigade occupying the country southwest of Beppuzza as far as Chinsandza; one brigade of infantry and one of cavalry in the second line. Behind the main army are one brigade of infantry stationed at Liao, one at Tsinkehtchen and one at Tsinkehtchen.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.—Gen. Kuropatkin, under yesterday's date, reports that the Japanese offensive movement which began November 21 near the village of Tsinkehtchen, on the front of the left flank, was of an indicative character up to 4 p. m. November 26, and was checked by the Russian fire. Although the fighting had then lasted three days, the Russian troops were in excellent spirits.

A later dispatch from Gen. Kuropatkin reports that the night of November 27 passed quietly at Tsinkehtchen, but that the Japanese resumed the offensive at 7 o'clock this morning on the Russian left flank.

RUSSIA ACCEPTS PROPOSAL.

To Conclude Arbitration Treaty With the United States.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.—Russia has accepted the invitation of the United States to conclude an arbitration treaty on the lines of the American-French treaty. The American proposal was submitted to Russia in the form of a note from Secretary Hay, which was presented personally to Foreign Secretary Lambsdorff by Charge d'Affaires Eddy, November 27. This afternoon Count Lambsdorff replied accepting in principle, in behalf of the Russian Government, the text of the treaty, but indicating that Russia would propose some slight modifications. These were expected to be drafted in a few days, and the final consummation of the new rapprochement with Russia will not long be delayed.

Although it was known that the American Government was desirous of negotiating an arbitration treaty with all the principal powers, the fact that Russia had already been approached with a direct proposition did not leak out until Count Lambsdorff had accepted the Russian proposal. It is expected to have an excellent effect on Russo-American relations, especially as it marks Russia's first admission to an arbitration treaty with a foreign power.

Much of the credit for the prompt action by the city would be attributed to the United States belongs to Charge d'Affaires Eddy. The existence of a treaty, or even a suggestion that such a step was contemplated, is not generally known in St. Petersburg tonight.

JAPANESE WON'T WAIT.

Can't Afford to Let Russians Secure Further Reinforcements.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.—Gen. Kuropatkin reports that there has been active skirmishing on the left flank for three days. The opinion is now expressed by the general staff that the Japanese intend taking the offensive, as they are believed to have the appearance of being further reinforced. It is held that the fighting to the eastward is doubtless with the purpose of feeling out the Russian positions preparatory to an advance in that direction, but as there are about 700 Russian troops southwest of Sinsintsin, the Japanese would not expect to find serious fighting at the same time. Correspondents at the front continue to scout the idea of serious fighting being imminent.

To Appoint Naval Officer.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, and Sir Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador, called separately at the State department today to present on behalf of their respective Governments an invitation for the United States to appoint a naval officer as a member of the court of inquiry which will investigate the facts in the Dager boat incident.

The term officer of high rank, used in the agreement between Russia and Great Britain, means any officer having been received by some nation as such. It would be possible for the President to appoint a Rear-Admiral. The appointment of an important naval officer would be a compliment to the United States. The fact that Rear-Admiral French E. Chadwick is soon to go to London on account of his wife's illness has led to the belief in navy circles that he might be selected for this mission. The President has not indicated his attitude in the matter.

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Unimportant Advance Guard Affair.

MUKDEN, Nov. 28.—There seems to be undue importance attached to the three days' fighting between the Japanese and Gen. Rennenkampf's men. It was in reality an unimportant advance guard affair, in which the Japanese were repulsed with a loss of 100 men. This advance of the Japanese against the Russian position was not a big flanking movement toward the pass, which many imagine is the route the Japanese intend to take. Both the Japanese armies are united near Mukden and, as heretofore, are simply awaiting developments. The weather is warmer and there is less wind. The utilization of the Liao river will close in a day or two.

May Be Beginning of Big Battle.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Gen. Kuropatkin and Sakharoff are sending daily long dispatches of reports of the progress of the fighting, which may, however, possibly turn out to be the beginning of a great battle, falling "high up" at Mukden. The Japanese in London decide to believe that there will be a cessation of hostilities till spring.

Gen. Sakharoff, in addition to his report of the Japanese attack on Tsinkehtchen, announces that the Japanese in force occupied the village of Nankungta, and the adjoining ravine in front of Poutloff (Lone Tree) hill.

No further news from Port Arthur has been received, beyond reports from Shanghai that the storming of the Russian stronghold continues.

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